

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

81. (Amended) An energy delivery device for ablating biological tissue, comprising:
a flexible ablation assembly, comprising:
a flexible ablation device having at least one ablation element encased therein;
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a means for directionally controlling ablation energy emitted therefrom.
82. (Amended) The device of claim 81, wherein the [flexible ablation device comprises] at least one ablation element is adapted to emit [for emitting] ablation energy sufficient to ablate biological tissue.
83. (Amended) The device of claim 82, wherein the flexible ablation assembly defines an outer emission [ablation] surface from which ablation energy is emitted.
85. (Cancelled) The device of claim 84, wherein the at least one flexible ablation element is disposed within the ablation assembly.
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86. (Amended) The device of claim 83, wherein the ablation assembly further comprises an insulating element, the insulating element holding the ablation element in a fixed position relative to the emission [ablating] surface.
87. (Amended) The device of claim 86, wherein an exterior surface of the insulating element defines the outer emission [ablation] surface.
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90. (Amended) The device of claim 87, wherein the means for directionally controlling the ablation energy is a shield device, whereby a portion of biological tissue adjacent to the emission [ablation] surface is shielded from the ablation energy.